



## Human Services Assistance Programs



### MEDICARE PART D

Many of Lynchburg citizens currently receiving Medicare may have received letters from the Social Security Administration regarding Medicare Part D. Medicare Part D is part of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) enacted in December 2003 and adds a new Part D to provide prescription drug coverage. Prescription drug benefits will be available to all Medicare beneficiaries on January 1, 2006. If you have questions, please call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

### COOLING ASSISTANCE

The Cooling Assistance program at Social Services begins June 15, 2005 and continues through August 15, 2005, subject to funding. This program assists with air conditioning purchases and repairs, as well as assistance with the electric bill. To be eligible for the Cooling Assistance program citizens must be in need of an air conditioner and there must be an elderly person, disabled person, or a child under six (6) living in the home. A monthly gross income limitation applies.

### SAFETY SEAT DISTRIBUTION & EDUCATION

Lynchburg Social Services has started a new Low-Income Safety Seat Distribution and Education program. Safety seat inspections are planned twice each month for Lynchburg citizens at the Human Services building downtown. Citizens will also receive information on how to correctly install a child restraint system and make sure the infant/child seat is compatible with the vehicle and child. For more information on this program please call Kim Pauley 455-5821 or Melissa Brantley at 455-5823.

### FOOD STAMPS

You can now apply for Food Stamps online by visiting [www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov).

## Summer Youth Pass

**GLTC** is pleased to offer a special *Summer Youth Pass* for all students ages 18 years and younger, beginning June 13, 2005. The pass can be used for unlimited rides on all GLTC buses and will expire August 28. The cost of the pass is \$20 and may be purchased at the GLTC office located at 1301 Kemper Street, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



A single page application form requires the signature of the youth and his/her parent or legal guardian. Either a report card from the last grading period or other proof of age will be required to process the *Summer Youth Pass* application. For more information, contact Katrina Russ at 455-5080.

## Library Food Drive

The Lynchburg Public Library is hosting a food drive to benefit the Lynchburg Area Food Bank. The drive will be held through June 18 at the Main Library, located at 2315 Memorial Avenue. Canned or boxed food will be accepted. Food in glass containers will not be accepted.



### Most wanted foods are:

beef stew	peanut butter
chili with beans	rice
canned tuna	dried beans
pork and beans	soup
pasta and cereal	spaghetti sauce
canned soups	juice boxes
macaroni & cheese	jelly
canned vegetables	

For more information please call the Library's Reference Department at 455-6310.

## Brush & Bulk Pickup Service

### One Call Does It All For City Residents!

Just call 856-CITY (2489) for your brush and bulk pickup requests. Phone calls are taken weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. After you call and receive a scheduled brush and bulk pickup date, place your brush and bulk items on the curb in front of your residence. Please place items out the day before your scheduled pickup, since the crew might come as early as 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.

There are certain things you can do to better prepare your brush and bulk items prior to your scheduled pickup.

### Please keep the following in mind:

- Call **856-CITY (2489)** **BEFORE** placing items at the curb.
- Keep brush and bulk items separate.
- Brush items include twigs and branches (excluding piles of leaves).
- Bulk items include furniture, appliances, TVs, etc.

- Place items on the curb in front of your residence. **DO NOT** put items near trees or telephone poles.



- Break up brush and bundle it into pieces less than 8 ft. long. Limbs should be no larger than 3 in. in diameter.
- Make sure bulk items are not too large (two people should be able to carry the items).
- Freon items, such as air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers are required by law to be kept separate from other bulk items and are picked up on Wednesdays **ONLY**.
- Leaves are not eligible for brush and bulk collection. Leaves are picked up for free during designated dates in the fall. If you need to dispose of leaves at other times, just bag and tag them with a .95 cent trash tag.

## Utilities Update Water & Sewer Improvements



This month water and sewer utility customers will receive the most recent issue of the City's Water Quality Report. Again this year, our water quality meets and exceeds water quality standards set by the Virginia Department of Health. We continuously strive to improve our water systems. In so doing, it is necessary for us to make improvements to the utilities' infrastructure. With these improvements, costs have increased. Following are the improvements we've made and will continue to make in order to maintain the quality of water service you've come to expect.

- **Abert Filtration Plant Renovations:** Recently the filters and controls at the Abert Filtration Plant were completely redone. This was the first major renovation of that plant since it was built in 1974.
- **College Hill Filtration Plant Construction:** Beginning this summer construction will begin on a sodium hypochlorite facility at the College Hill Filtration Plant. This will eliminate the use of liquid chlorine and its associated hazards. In addition, an engineering study on the College Hill Plant is also underway that will lead to additional improvements similar to those recently completed at Abert.
- **Other major improvements** underway include improvements to the distribution system, pump stations, and water storage tanks.
- **Chemical Costs Rising:** It takes a large amount of chemicals to maintain the purity of our drinking water. These costs have been steadily increasing over the last several years.
- **Sewer System Upgrades:** The sewer rate increase is driven by increased expenses as well as DEQ mandates. The sewer rate revenue covers the cost of operation and maintenance of the sewer collection system and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including necessary upgrades and improvements. Additionally, this revenue funds the Combined Sewer Overflow Program (CSO) which to date has eliminated nearly 75% of the overflow points. The CSO program works in a typical neighborhood to replace or rehabilitate sewer lines and/or water lines, storm drain system, curb and gutters, and repaving the street.

In order to maintain and improve the utilities in Lynchburg both water and sewer rates have been increased effective July 1, 2005. Below is a chart of the current and old rates:

	Current Rate	New Rate	% of Increase
Water volume charge per unit (1 unit = 748 gallons)	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.82	4%
Sewer volume charge per unit (1 unit = 748 gallons)	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.78	4%
Sewer only per month	\$ 35.89	\$ 37.15	3.5%

The Office of Economic Development (OED)  
For the City of Lynchburg and the  
Lynchburg Industrial Development Authority (LIDA)

## Presents Ward I Small Business Forum

Thursday, June 30, 2005  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Templeton Senior Center, 225 Wiggington Road

Facilitated by: Dr. Michael Gillette, City Council Member Ward I

A small business forum will be held in each of the City of Lynchburg's Wards to provide information and obtain feedback. Please make plans to attend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Assessment Appeal Deadline: June 30

*Real Estate Valuation Notices* were sent out March 1, 2005 to all property owners whose values changed. If you believe that your assessment exceeds fair market value or is not equalized with similar properties, you may appeal your assessment to the Board of Equalization. Appeal forms are available by contacting the City Assessor's Office at 455-3830. The deadline for submitting appeal forms for consideration by the Board of Equalization is June 30, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

### RiverFlick Film Series

The RiverFlick Film series is an outdoor movie viewing experience of family-friendly film classics and is shown at the Amazement Square parking lot at the corner of 9th & Jefferson. Call 845-8850 or visit [www.riverflick.org](http://www.riverflick.org) for the schedule.

### Annual Water Quality Report Available

The Annual Water Quality Report is being mailed in June water bills to Lynchburg utility customers. Copies are available at the following locations: Lynchburg Public Library (Plaza and Downtown), City Hall at the Information Desk and the Utilities Division's main office located at 525 Taylor Street. The Report may also be viewed on the City's web site, [www.lyncburgva.gov](http://www.lyncburgva.gov). The City of Lynchburg is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards. Should you have any questions, please contact Leslie Gryder, Utilities, at 455-4263.

